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LOYOLA CAGERS OFF TO OTTAWA

Coach Doug Daigneault's unbeaten Loyola College Basketball Warriors face their toughest weekend in the young Ottawa St. Lawrence Conference campaign when they journey to Ottawa for back to back encounters with Carleton Ravens and Ottawa University Gee Gee's Friday and Saturday.

The game against Carleton should be a very difficult test for the ambitious Warriors. The Ravens have been strengthened by the recent amalgamation of Carleton with Ottawa St. Pats and the resulting basketball quintet is a veritable All-Star team from both schools.

The Warriors will try to combat this problem with their overall team depth. Coach Daigneault has a solid roster of 12 ballplayers, each of whom he considers equally capable of starting any given game.

"We use a swing shift," he explained. "Everybody gets a lot of work."

The prime attraction with Loyola is Earl Lewis, who Athletic Director Ed Enos believes, "will become to college basketball what superstar Bob Berry of Sir George Williams University meant to college hockey."

Lewis, a high jump expert who in effect measures 6'9" when in full flight, "could be the finest basketball player anywhere in Canada - if he progresses", lauds Daigneault. "But Earl still must improve his ability to work with the other boys on our club and his ability to mature along with the team," he added.

In spite of Loyola's impressive start which includes early season victories over Ottawa University 93-65 and Bishop's, 75-70, Daigneault indicated plenty of room for wholesale improvement.

"I don't think we're really playing that well," he said. "We're still playing as individuals. We're lucky we had enough depth to win our first two games."

Daigneault says the spirit on the club is at a high ebb, "In fact I've never seen such splendid morale on any club I've been associated with," he enthused.

The Coach indicated that despite Loyola's smashing victory over Ottawa University in their debut last week, the Gee Gee's would be no pushover in Ottawa on Saturday.

"We wore them down on our home court and got a big lift from our vociferous fans", he said. "But don't forget we only led by 3 points at half time."

In addition to Lewis' performance vets John Goettisheim, Terry O'Brien and Bob McDonough have made a substantial improvement in their play and are being counted on to carry a large burden of the weekend load.